

110TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

S. 3733

To require the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to hold at least 1 public hearing before issuance of a permit affecting public or private land use in a locality.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

DECEMBER 11 (legislative day, DECEMBER 10), 2008

Mr. SPECTER introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE ISSUANCE OF PER-**
4 **MITTS AFFECTING PUBLIC OR PRIVATE LAND**
5 **USE IN LOCALITIES.**

6 (a) ELECTRICITY.—Section 216(c) of the Federal
7 Power Act (16 U.S.C. 824p(c)) is amended by adding at
8 the end the following:

1 “(3) PUBLIC HEARING.—Before issuing a per-
2 mit or other authorization for any action that may
3 affect public or private land use (other than Federal
4 land) in a locality, the Commission shall hold at
5 least 1 public hearing in each county and locality af-
6 fected.”.

7 (b) NATURAL GAS.—Section 7(e) of the Natural Gas
8 Act (15 U.S.C. 717f(e)) is amended—

9 (1) by inserting “(1)” after “(e)”; and

10 (2) by adding at the end the following:

11 “(2) PUBLIC HEARING.—Before issuing a per-
12 mit or other authorization for any action that may
13 affect public or private land use (other than Federal
14 land) in a locality, the Commission shall hold at
15 least 1 public hearing in each county and locality af-
16 fected.”.

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